

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLUTTON.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1944.

The report is an ordinary one abbreviated in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Trees in Acres:- 42,645

Registrar General's estimate of Resident Population, 1944:- 17,400

Number of inhabited houses in 1944:- 4,851.

Household Value:- £67,804

Our represented by a Penny Rate:- £276

ABSTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	324	172	152
Illegitimate.	15	9	6
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	339	181	158
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Rate per 1,000 of the Population = 19.8

Still Births.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	7	2	5
Illegitimate.	-	-	-
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Rate of Still Births per 1,000 Births= 20.67

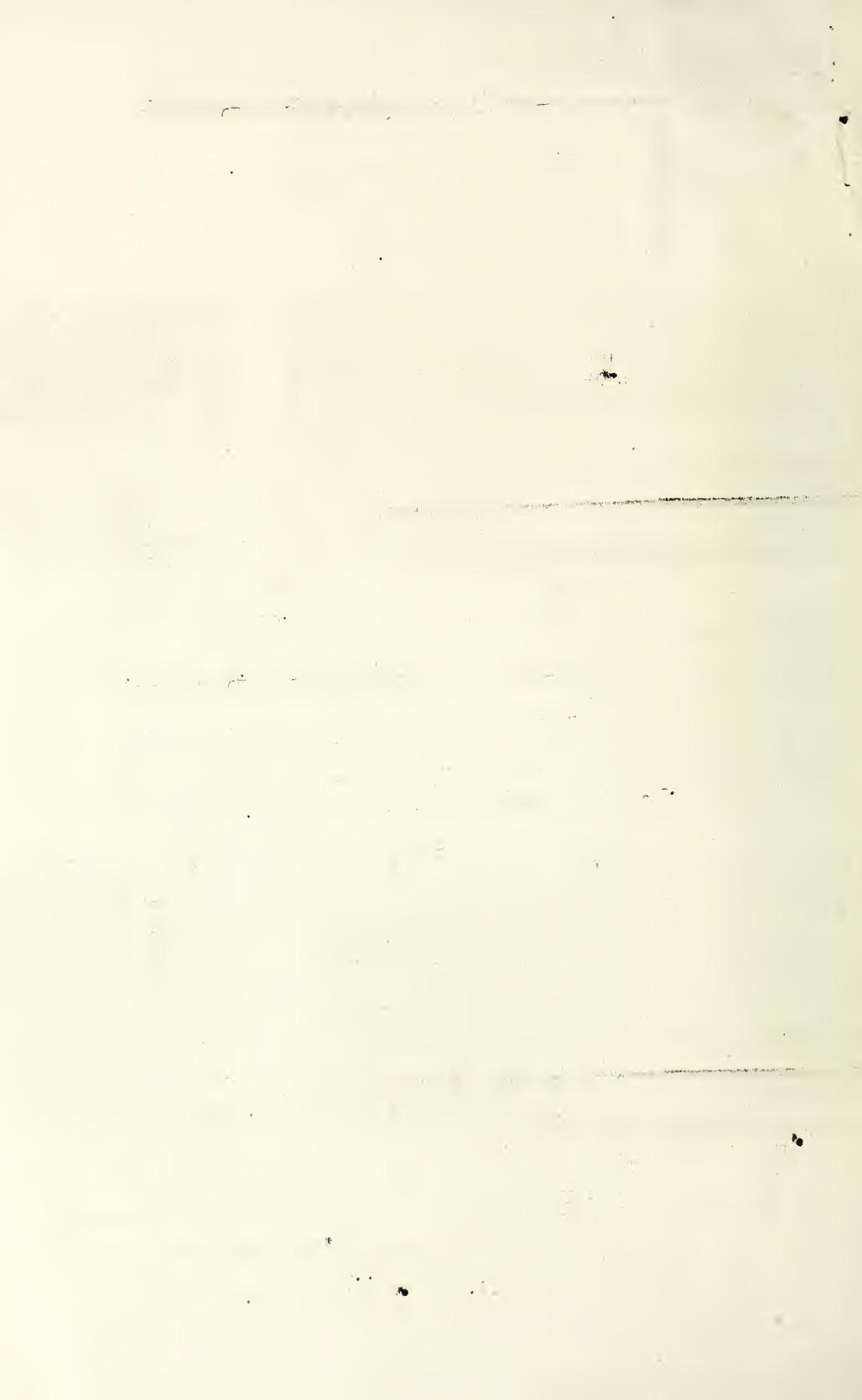
Deaths from all Causes.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	
Tuberculosis:-					
Respiratory.	5	4	Syphilitic Diseases.	1	-
Other Forms.	-	-	Influenza.	1	1
Cancer Buccal Cavity.	1	-	Encephalitis.	-	1
Cancer Stomach.	7	2	Diabetes.	-	1
Cancer Breasts.	-	1	Intracranial Vascular Lesions	12	17
Cancer all other forms.	13	13	Heart Disease.	39	32
Bronchitis.	13	4	Other Circulatory Diseases.	2	4
Pneumonia.	2	-	Ulcer of Stomach.	1	-
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	1	Other Digestive Diseases.	-	2
Meningitis.	5	3	Congenital Malbirth.	-	3
Premature Births.	1	1	Road Traffic Accidents.	1	-
Stillborn.	1	-			
Other violent causes.	1	-			
All other causes.	15	10	Total	124	101
Typhoiditis	2	-			
Other maternal causes.	-	1			

Total Number of Deaths 225.

Death rate per 1,000 population = 12.6

Deaths from Puerperal Causes 0



Deaths of Infants under one year of Age.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	1	5	6
Illegitimate.	1	-	1
	-	-	-
	2	5	7
	-	-	-

Death rate of Infants under one year per 1,000  
live births = 20.64

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES RECEIVED.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Isolation Hospital.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	28	19	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	1	-
Pneumonia.	7	-	2
Trachoma.	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	3	-	-
Measles.	56	-	-
Chicken Pox.	15	-	-
	1	-	-
	<u>111</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>2</u>

Tuberculosis.

	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Respiratory.	16	9
Non-Respiratory.	5	-
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	21	9

Tuberculosis Register.

The total number of Cases on the Register at Dec 31st, 1944 was:-

<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
48	61	109

SECTION.B.GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority remain the same:-  
Medical Officer of Health:- Dr. R.V. Brew, Chew Magna.  
Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor :- Mr.E.Shaw.

Mr.Shaw has during the year, carried out the many and varied duties of Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor without assistance, as the Council have not been able to replace the Assistant Sanitary Inspectors who have left the services of the Council during the war.

SECTION.C.SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The Sanitary Circumstances of the area remain practically the same as before the war. The housing situation in the District is still very acute, Houses of every description being very difficult to obtain.

This involves a certain amount of overcrowding which is being controlled as far as is possible.

WATER.

Mr.Shaw, the Sanitary Inspector, procured 30 routine samples and sub-

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mitted them to the County Analyst, with the results that 14 were found to be satisfactory and 9 not quite satisfactory, and 7 unsatisfactory.

The Council's Townsend East Harptree Spring delivered water of a consistently satisfactory quality. The Chlorinating Plants at Fitt Farm, Reservoir and at the Townsend East Harptree Pumping Station, still continue to give satisfactory results.

The quality of the water supplied by the Downside Authority proved on Analysis to be satisfactory on each of the four occasions when samples were taken.

#### SECTION D. HOUSING.

Work underthis heading is still suspended.

#### SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

I see from the report submitted by Mr.Shaw, Sanitary Inspector that the total weight of food stuffs condemned and voluntarily surrendered by the owners as being unfit for human food was 9 cwts 1 qr 17.lbs being:- Milk 4 tins-3.lbs 5 ozs, Meat 250 tins-392.lbs 12 ozs, Fish 46 tins-44.lbs, Baked beans 4 tins-3.lbs 4 ozs., Tomatoes 66 tins-66.lbs. Also 1 cwt Pepper., 18.lbs Bacon., 85.lbs Mutton., 282.lbs Cod Fillett., and 50.lbs Figs.

Where it was possible this was used for Animal and Poultry Feeding stuffs after suitable sterilization.

#### SECTION F. SANITARY CONDITIONS.

During the year the Sanitary Inspector served 37 preliminary notices in connection with the abatement of nuisances in connection with dwelling houses. The number of nuisances discovered and abated were 126 and the number of inspections made for the purpose of detecting the existence of nuisances was 145.

#### SCAVENGING OF THE DISTRICT.

At the commencement of the year there were only three Parishes where Public Scavenging was not carried out these Parishes were Litton, Nempnett, and Norton Malreward. Arrangements were made and brought into operation for the collection of the Public Scavenging in Litton during the year. This leaves only two Parishes where public Scavenging is not being carried out.

#### DISINFECTION OF HOUSES.

58 inquiries were made after the removal of patients to Hospital and 37 rooms were disinfected. 25 after Infectious Diseases and 12 after Tuberculosis.

I have the honour to remain,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant.

RICHARD V.BREW. M.B. B.S.

Medical Officer of Health.

